

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 25-27, 29, and 30 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has included below all the Pending Claims, including non-amended Claims 28 and 31.

5.5 E1 > 25. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a data communication apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data communication apparatus and a host computer connected to the data communication apparatus by an interface, said method comprising:

① a communication step of communicating commands from the host computer to the data communication apparatus through a network;

a checking step of checking, upon the receipt of the commands by the data communication apparatus from the host computer, operating conditions of the data communication apparatus;

a notification step of notifying the host computer of the operating conditions in accordance with the command from the host computer; and

a setting step of setting in the data communication apparatus one of an on-line mode, to be operated based on a command from the host computer, and an off-line mode, to be operated even without a command from the host computer,

wherein when the data communication apparatus is set in the on-line mode in

said setting step, the commands from the host computer take precedence over commands from other sources.

26. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 25, wherein said notification step notifies the host computer of operating conditions comprising a change in status or internal state of the data communication apparatus.

27. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 25, wherein said notification step notifies the host computer of the operating conditions in accordance with a command from the host computer.

28. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 25, wherein the data communication apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.

29. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a data processing apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data processing apparatus and a host computer, the data processing apparatus and the host computer being connected to each other through an interface, and the data processing apparatus being able to communicate with another device through a network without using the interface, said method comprising:

a command reception step of receiving by the data processing apparatus, a command from the host computer through the interface;

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a determination step of determining the type of command received in said command reception step, and

a notification step of notifying the host computer of information in accordance with the command received in said command reception step through the interface,

wherein the information comprises model type, model version of the data processing apparatus, and cause of a network abnormality.

30. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 29, wherein said notification step notifies the host computer of the model type and the model version in one set.

31. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 29, wherein the data processing apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.